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TO: Members of the Legislative IT Committee
　　　Legislative Council

RE: Large Project Summary Report

Greetings,

Attached to this cover letter is the Large Project Summary Report for the period ending March 31, 2005.

There are two new projects being reported for this quarter.
- Information Technology Department – STAGEnet Infrastructure Services
- Workforce Safety and Insurance - Enterprise Application Development and Training

Two projects have been reported as completed.

Agency	Project	Budget	Schedule
CJIS	Hub Phase II	Under Budget	On Schedule
Department of Health	Health Alert Network (HAN)	Under Budget	Over Schedule

Fifteen projects are presently reporting on/under schedule and on/under budget. The following projects report budget or schedule variances.

- ODIN – The ODIN project continues to be over schedule and under budget. Prior to the end of March all ODIN libraries were converted and had 'gone live' on the ALEPH software. However, in order to consider the project complete, the Inter-Library Loan (ILL) module must be successfully installed. In mid March ODIN staff attended a special ILL training session. During that session they began the configuration of the ILL for each ODIN library. ODIN had expected to begin working with libraries within a week of that session. They are waiting for the vendor to complete server reorganization tasks so that we can start the process of training and testing of the ILL module.

- COOP – The project remains on budget. However, the project schedule has been revised twice. The latest extension granted by the Executive Steering Committee is June 2005. The final remaining ConnectND issue is to resolve is the ability to extract assets from the PeopleSoft data. In the process of testing assets, the Project Work Group identified that the numbering system used for the agencies and sub-agencies in the employee piece of ConnectND wasn't used in the assets. Consequently, there is problem with the ability to sort the sub-agency information. ConnectND personnel and the Project Work Group continue to work toward resolution of this issue.

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- <u>NDUS Facilities Management</u> - The project is on schedule; however, interface development is causing concern. The budget will be exceeded, primarily due to the need to hire a vendor to develop the interfaces due to the unavailability of internal staff (they continue to work on ConnectND go-live issues). Training has been developed and scheduled for June/July, and testing continues.
- <u>BND</u> – Phase I is over schedule and under budget. The Vitex contract to determine a Student Loan Lender Strategy has been completed. No viable options were identified at this time. Analysis continues and BND will continue to run on the ND ITD Enterprise Server as an interim solution. The Cornerstone contract to select the Core Banking System has been completed and the bank is presently negotiating contracts with ITI for a banking solution. The outstanding deliverables of the Cornerstone contract are the 3-Year IT Strategic Plan and the Item Processing selection process which are scheduled to be completed 05/2005.
- <u>ConnectND</u> – The overall project is on schedule (the last modules for student admin will role out over the next three months) however, the Grants and Contracts module is still struggling to meet its goals. Grants consultants have been extended again to try to wrap up critical functionality and assist campuses with training. Payroll at UND and NDSU was very rough for the first part of the quarter but have seen steady improvements to this point. Production stability has also been a major issue during the quarter, many having to do with the delayed tools and application patches implementation. The tools update is scheduled for April and application patches will follow shortly after that.

Please refer to the report for more information about each project, and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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